

Washington, D.C.—Congressman Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.) will host a summit focusing on the transportation improvements and livability goals for the East Metro area on Tuesday, August 3 from 10:00 to noon at Gresham City Hall. A bus tour of the region will follow the Summit discussion, with stops in Gateway, Demascus, Gresham and points between, to illustrate challenges facing the area.

Some of the most significant transportation challenges to be found anywhere in Oregon are concentrated in the area bounded by 82nd Avenue on the west, the urban growth boundary on the south and east and the Columbia River to the north. This area includes a huge concentration of underused industrial land. The jobs-to-residents imbalance found in this area is perhaps greater than anywhere else in Oregon. Compared to the rest of the region, very little investment has been made in transportation improvements in recent years.

Blumenauer is inviting local elected officials, agency representatives and community activists to the Summit in an effort to examine the transportation and livability issues facing the region, identify goals and problems and discuss solutions. Blumenauer wants to promote new ideas and cooperative efforts that will enhance jobs growth and livability and create a new vision for the area. As a member of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Blumenauer will be in a position to assist the region with federal financing for transportation needs.

WHAT: Transportation and Livability Summit and Bus Tour

WHERE: Conference Center
Gresham City Hall
1333 NW Eastman Parkway

WHEN: Tuesday, August 3
10:00 – 12:30